HARBOUR AUTHORITIES—RECEIPT STAMPS USED BY

40. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the receipt stamps used by the Harbour Authorities on the Willingdon Island are Cochin stamps?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONS REPRESENTING PETITIONERS BEFORE DIWAN AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

41. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are any qualifications prescribed for persons who represent petitioners before the Diwan and other Heads of Departments?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* The relevant *Standing Order* in this regard is as follows.—

Petitions may be submitted either by the principals themselves or by their Vakils or duly authorised agents. Petitions signed by Vakils or agents should be accompanied by duly signed *vakalathnama* or by a general or special power-of-attorney.

RAM MOHAN PALACE—HOLDING OF MEETINGS IN

42. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Ram Mohan Palace is available for the meetings of private associations?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Not generally available for meetings of private associations. Individual applications are dealt according to the merits of each case.

SEA SCOUTS—PARTICULARS REGARDING

43. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of Sea Scouts engaged in the defence of the Harbour;

(*b*) the nature of the work done by them;

(*c*) whether any allowance is paid to them;

(*d*) whether any of them are students;

(*e*) the hours of their work?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) For the first six weeks of war, six Sea Scouts were engaged.

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